

Forestry Executive Committee Meeting DRAFT Notes

Friday, October 16, 2015

Richardson Hall 115

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

In attendance: Thomas Maness, Geoff Huntington, Jim Johnson, Randy Rosenberger, Steve Tesch, Adrienne Wonhof, John Bliss, Troy Hall, Laurie Schimleck, Mike Altimus, Michael Collins, Lisa Ganio, Steve Fitzgerald, Nathalie Gitt, Chris Knowles, Melora Parks, Randi Shaw, Juliana Ruble, Penny Wright

Guest: Jon Souder

Absences: Woody Chung, Claire Montgomery, Roger Admiral

Updates and Conversation from Thomas Maness

- Provost's Council Meeting Updates:
 - 1) Postdoc Scholars – The University will continue the Postdoc Scholar category on a temporary basis to honor any currently pending offers, appointments currently written into submitted grant proposals and appointments currently filled by a Postdoc Scholar. Any future requests for Postdoc Scholar appointments, however, will no longer be approved. After the current and pending Postdoc Scholars have completed their appointments, the category will no longer be available. (Email communication of 10.13.15 from the Provost)
 - 2) Faculty Salary Increase Guidelines and Process; FY 2015-16 – The program allows for a 3 percent increase for eligible faculty, effective January 1, 2016. Another 3 percent salary pool will be available January 1, 2017. Details of this program are still being worked out, but the focus will be on merit. Any questions should be directed to supervisors. (Email communication of 10.13.15 from the Provost).
Action Item: Thomas will follow-up with Department Heads to develop some criteria before January to provide the faculty clear expectations to get prepared.
- Boone and Crockett, Mealey, Boise, Noble Endowment – Thomas is seeking advice from the FEC about ideas for projects in the area of policy analysis. The Forestry Executive Committee has been invited to attend Jay O'Laughlin's seminar on October 23 in RH 115. Dr. O'Laughlin is a Professor Emeritus of Forestry & Policy Sciences, and former Director of the College of Natural Resources Policy Analysis Group, from University of Idaho, who has been a leader in policy analysis for the past 25 years.

Student Organization Sponsorship & Liability

Randy Rosenberger provided information on changes in University policy on the College's liability, risk, opportunities and obligations regarding student organizations. The College of Forestry currently offers two categories of student organizations: 6 sponsored (SSO) and 3 voluntary (VSO). To adhere to the applicable university policy, procedures of the new policy, Student Services is working on developing documentations, clubs manuals, criteria and expectations for guidelines.

For information only

Copies of the September 23, 2015 letter of the student organization sponsorship from Susie Brubaker Cole and the list of CoF Student Clubs were distributed at the meeting.

Elliott Forest Proposal: Current Status

Jim Johnson and Jon Souder gave an update on the Elliott State Forest ownership transfer opportunity that is being supported by the State of Oregon Department of State Lands. This was an open discussion. For information only

Decision: Faculty should direct all inquiries to Geoff Huntington who will be the College of Forestry lead on this project.

Copies of the Elliott State Forest Ownership Transfer Opportunity flyer and a 2-pager of background information were distributed at the meeting.

2016 Distinguished Professor Call for Nominations & Process

Thomas Maness distributed a draft proposal at the meeting for establishing a process for reviewing nominations submission for the 2016 Distinguished Professor award.

Action Items: Comments on the proposal should be directed to Adrienne Wonhof. Department Heads will work together to develop a departmental process.

Additional Agenda Items

1. Diversity Process
Randi Shaw introduced the work that is being done this year on diversity, equity and inclusion in the College of Forestry. Troy Hall has agreed to serve as faculty advisor to the Diverse Perspectives in Forestry Group (DPFG). She will be heading the Diversity Plan planning process. Randi is welcoming input on diversity plan.
2. First Quarter Awards from CoF Research Office – Steve Tesch gave an update:
\$4.95M awarded – 31 proposals for a total of \$7.3M were submitted, 8 of the 31 proposals were submitted to NSF.
3. Board of Visitors and SEEDS Funding Match Update for 29 Students - Randy Rosenberger
4. Post Fire Assessment Workshop Update - Steve Fitzgerald
5. Advice on Design Process for the New Building – Geoff Huntington discussed a needed process for decision making and communications during the schematic phase.
 - a. Construction of new building will start after spring term - Upcoming memo from Geoff
 - b. Map for the relocation to temporary space – Penny Wright is the point of contact for relocation questions.
 - c. New building – The architects are collecting information from the various focus group for space audits.

Action Item: Issues with new space allocation need to be addressed by the end of December.